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Nazareth Work Study Program focuses seniors' sights on the future

By Cynthia Yantz
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Senior year at Nazareth Academy is a special time, in which we seniors wrap up our high school studies in anticipation of what next fall will bring. Some will turn to full-time employment, while others will pursue higher education. A group of selected Nazareth seniors has been given the opportunity to get a "head start" this year with the new Cooperative Work Study Program implemented at the all-girls' school this fall.

The work study program serves to bridge the gap between school and work. Classroom instruction can prepare students with needed skills, but putting these principles to work in an office atmosphere is decidedly different. This program affords a senior the valuable opportunity to apply her knowledge to the job, while learning

how to deal with the various personalities found in any job situation.

Each girl is required to work a minimum of 300 hours from September to June. Most places of employment have strict rules governing participation in the program. Attendance at school and work are very important, and some students must maintain an average of B+ or higher.

Rose Umiker, who heads Nazareth's business department, has been interested for some time in starting a work study program. She explains that business studies students rarely have homework to take home and are unoccupied during study halls.

The recently enacted Regents Action Plan has also interfered with the function of the business department. Now that students are required to take a greater number of other courses, their business

course requirements have decreased. To compensate for the extra time some business students have on their hands, Nazareth decided to begin the work study program.

Umiker began the process of initiating the program when she wrote to Albany, requesting a copy of the state curriculum for a cooperative work study program. She then talked to people who headed work study programs in various public schools. Of the major companies she solicited to participate in the program, Kodak was the only one that expressed interest.

Umiker soon discovered that positions were available for science majors and lab assistants, as well as business and secretarial students. Other companies contacted by members of the faculty included Wegmans, Marine Midland, Abbots, The Kiddie Korner Day Care Center, Genesee Glass and Mirror and the Rochester Presbyterian

Home.

Both employers and employees seem pleased so far with the new arrangement. The new program appears to challenge this year's seniors, who must remain in good standing with the school in order to maintain their senior privileges.

Nazareth seniors involved in this year's program are Karen Cannon, Teresa George, Karen Reese, Michelle Terry, Anna Vulaj, Lora Wise, Trina Stiehler, Kecia Clayton, Rita Corbelli, Janine Tachine, Julie Tachine, Tracy Arnone and Charlene Burroughs.

Terry, who is currently working at Marine Midland, said that the program "has given me office skills that I couldn't have gotten in school. It has taught me that there are all kinds of people in the office, and you have to learn to deal with everyone."

Equal Time

Cardinal Mooney High School
What is your position on the apartheid rule in South Africa?

GREG CZARNIAK, Sophomore

My views are that President Reagan, by not putting economic sanctions on South Africa, is challenging what we as Americans have in our Constitution. The Constitution says that all people are created equal. In South Africa this isn't happening. When President Reagan allows this to go on, he makes himself look bad because it looks like he is supporting apartheid.



HAROLD REISMAN, Senior

I think that the United States should sanction the government of South Africa, instead of doing nothing or staying neutral. President Reagan should take a stand one way or the other. I believe that he should repress the government the way the South African government represses its people.



DAWN PICKERING, Sophomore

I don't see why the South African government won't let the black majority run for public office. They are all human beings. The blacks should be allowed to run because they are the majority. What would the whites in the United States think if the blacks ran the government and suppressed them?



MIKE EBERTZ, Senior

I think apartheid should be abolished. All people everywhere were born equal, and this should be observed everywhere. Botha doesn't realize what he has on his hands. If the blacks don't get what they want, I'm sure they'll find some way to unite and revolt. Also, the United States should enforce heavy economic sanctions. I don't think South Africa is a big enough alliance to worry about if they get their feathers ruffled a bit.

Aquinas band members named to McDonald's All-American band

Paula Landry and Tadd Hughes have been nominated to the 1986 McDonald's All-American High School Band. Landry and Hughes play the piccolo and the trumpet, respectively, in the Aquinas Institute High

School band under the direction of Brian Coughlin.

The two Aquinas students were nominated for the band on the basis of their musical honors and competitive contest ratings.

Class of 1966 to hold reunion at Bishop Kearney High School

The Bishop Kearney High School class of 1966 is planning its 20th for Saturday, November 29 at Arena's (formerly Sweet's) Party House, 767 Holt Rd., Webster. If

anyone has not yet responded or has not been contacted, please write to the following address: Bishop Kearney High School class of 1966 reunion, P.O. Box 67086, Rochester, 14617.



Speaking Out

By Sean McNamara
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One of the most difficult steps to maturity is developing an understanding of who we are as sexual beings. The clinical approach to sexuality — as presented through textbooks, sex-education classes and radio therapists — offers all of the facts, but fails to answer the central question: what goes into developing personal sexual morality?

It's easy to cite statistics on sexual activity among teens, but statistics don't mean anything. Our sexual attitudes should come from what we believe in — our faith, morals and souls. Sex cannot be approached with the attitude that everyone else is doing it so it must be O.K.

Where do the sexual attitudes of teens come from? Don't look for them in books or movies, but inside individual people. The concept of sexuality begins with a person's self-concept and self-esteem. Sexuality is not simply the way we treat others, but also the way we treat ourselves. If you have low self-esteem and don't like yourself, you may not treat your body as the special gift that it really is.

People are far more than toys to be used and then discarded. I'm tired of seeing people use each other. I believe that, in a relationship, it's important to care for the whole of the other and the whole of yourself.

Affection and sexuality are important aspects of relationships. Most of the teens I've talked with say that they limit sexual expressions of affection because of mutual respect for each other.

We all want to have someone love us, and we all want to love someone else. Sex engaged in simply for the sake of needing to be close to someone or wanting to be noticed, however, is an empty act; the relationship between the partners is not complete. This is why the Church teaches that sexual activity outside of marriage is wrong. In marriage, a physical relationship goes hand in hand with love and commitment to a permanent union.

Limits, it seems, are important in a loving relationship. To determine how important, I asked several high school students how they decide what physical signs of affection are appropriate to express. One person said he doesn't let anything happen that he feels is out of his control. Another said that over a period of time, when you really get to know a person, you can understand the way he or she feels.

The personal relationship should precede the physical relationship. You have to be able to figuratively step into the other person's skin; affection comes from mutual respect and friendship.

It isn't easy to develop an understanding of who we are as sexual beings; the struggle to do so continues throughout life. In whatever way you interpret your sexuality, you must become comfortable with the morals and standards you've set for yourself.

We are all trying to work on our understanding of sexuality. In doing so, we need to be aware that others aren't sure what they feel either — whether they are adolescents or adults, male or female.

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